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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are pleased to honor our esteemed colleague,
4 State Representative Edward Acevedo, on his 20 years as a
5 member of the Illinois General Assembly and to thank him for
6 his dedicated service to his State and his community; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Acevedo was born and raised in the
8 district he represents and where he raised his five sons; he
9 earned his degree from Harold Washington College, was educated
10 at the Academy of the Cook County Sheriff's Department and the
11 Academy of the Chicago Police Department, and has served the
12 State and the City of Chicago as a police officer; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Acevedo was decorated for heroism,
14 receiving the Award of Valor from the Cook County Sheriff's
15 Office for rescuing victims trapped in a fire; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Acevedo was first elected to the
17 Illinois House of Representatives in 1997, and is the longest
18 serving Latino member of the Illinois General Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Acevedo secured millions of
20 dollars in funding for programs and organizations within the
21 Second Representative District, including the Instituto Health

1 Sciences Career Academy (IHSCA), which is the first dedicated
2 career academy in the State; La Casa, which is the first
3 off-campus student housing with the benefits of on-campus
4 residence halls, near all major universities in Chicago; he
5 sponsored and led passage of the Kid Care Health Program, a
6 low-cost health insurance program for children, and the State
7 Hispanic Employment Plan; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Acevedo was the driving force
9 behind legislation to grant temporary driver's licenses to
10 undocumented immigrants, making our roadways safer and
11 creating better drivers; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Acevedo sponsored the Illinois
13 Dream Act, historical legislation designed to make
14 scholarships, college savings, and prepaid tuition programs
15 available to undocumented students who graduated from Illinois
16 high schools, providing opportunities for students who would
17 otherwise not be able to attend college; he has worked to be an
18 advocate for the enhancement of our children's education and he
19 continues to push for legislation that will provide the best
20 educational experience for all Illinois children; and

21 WHEREAS, All who served with Representative Acevedo will
22 miss his tenacity and strong, quiet but determined leadership
23 to better the lives of the residents of his district and those

1 of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
4 congratulate and honor State Representative Edward Acevedo for
5 his dedicated service as a member of the Illinois House of
6 Representatives; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
8 presented to Representative Acevedo as an expression of our
9 respect, esteem, and best wishes.